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A WEEKLY COMPILATION

AFTER MENTAL STRAIN of recent months, isn't **Tina Turner** preparing an announcement? ... **Kid Jensen** here at invitation of **Thin Lizzy** ... NME's **Charles Shaar Murray** up to some hot stuff in New York — read it soon ...

Isn't "Clair" the first girl in **Gilbert O'Sullivan's** life? ... Chain of success dept: **Bill Withers** once built airplane lavatory seats ... Isn't it hard going for **David Clayton-Thomas** since **Blood, Sweat and Tears** ...

George Shearing says **Burt Bacharach** wrote "Close To You" as deodorant commercial ... new "Rhymes and Reasons" **Carole King** album first on **Low Adler's** Ode label here ... In Australia, near-death for **Roy Orbison's** lead guitarist after mike fault ...

Czechoslovak song a Yule hit-try for d-j **Tony Brandon** ... **Four Tops** "Keeper Of The Castle" **Tony Blackburn's** "Record of the week" ... Almost eight minutes long — **Cashman** and West U.S. hit "American City Suite" ...

Artie Mogul here ... **Slade's Dave Hill** reckons he throws £5 worth of glitter to audiences every week, which is some

sparkle ... **Tony Simons** (son of music publisher **Cyril Simons**) joined **Bee Gees'** manager **Robert Stigwood** ... to promote **Sundown Players'** debut single "Saturday Nite Special" Apple specially pressed 78-size copies ...

New U.S. **Mac West** album titled "Great Balls of Fire" ... Capitol single "You Make My Life Beautiful" not by Britain's **Alex Harvey** ... **Johnay Nash** British-recorded "I Can See Clearly Now" No. 1 in U.S. ...

Weight problem for **Gary Glitter** ... To make up for missing Honolulu last time, **Rolling Stones** do two shows in

January en route for Japan and Australian tours ... Did **Bob Dylan** really say he'd like to record the **Looking Glass'** "From Stanton Station"? ...

New U.S. **Helen Reddy** album "I Am A Woman" has largest advance order of any female artist in history of Capitol ... MGM movie "Elvis on Tour" doing hot business in U.S. ... Apt: title of **Mary Hopkin** new Apple LP "Those Were The Days" ...

Glitzy all-star line-up reportedly blowing away at Morgan Studios last week for "That'll Be The Day" movie; in studio: **Harry Nilsson**, **Alice**

WISHBONE WINNERS

Simon Cullingham, **Lee-On-Solent** Hants; **Stephen** Tibbary, **Leicester**, LE2 3TR; **John S.N. Manna**, **Uxbridge**, Middx.; **Peter** Tilsed, **Uxbridge**, Middx.; **Lawrence** O'Donoghue, **London**, S.E. 18; **Shaun K. Brooks**, **Camblesforth**, Yorks.; **Steven** Root, **Blaby**, **Leicester**; **Jonathan** Davies, **Holywell**, **Flints**; **W. S. Irving**, **Manchester**, 8; **Mike** Cross, **Willesby**, **E. Yorks**; **Hugo** Dilsmore, **Windsor**, **Surrey**; **M. Campling**, **Uxbridge**, **Middx.**; **Paul** Rowley, **Pontefract**, **Yorks.**; **Mark** Avis, **Kingsion**, **Surrey**; **Anthony** Klim, **Hayes**, **Middx.**; **C. J. Coyer**, **West Drayton**, **Middx.**; **Angela** Tolken, **Blackminster**, **Worcs.**; **D. J. Bradley**, **Grantham**, **Lincs.**; **John** Wright, **Preston**, **Lancs.**; **Tony** Watson, **Grantham**, **Lincs.**; **T. R. Laws**, **Maidstone**, **Kent**; **R. Bellamy**, **Cirencester**, **Glous.**; **Anthony** Dowling, **West Heath**, **B'tm.**; **David** Maxwell, **Fullwood**, **Preston**; **Colin** Anderson, **Newton Abbot**, **Devon**; **Ken** S. Bragg, **Bestwood Park**, **Nottingham**; **Jeremy** Faulkner, **London**, S.E.2;

G. J. Beswetherick, **Luton**, **Beds.**; **Caroline** Collins, **Cumbernauld**, **Scotland**; **Irene** Chainey, **Southampton**, **Hants.**; **Pter** Green, **Keighley**, **Yorks.**; **Andrew** Fawcett, **Leeds**, LS8 5SW; **Jeffrey** Baxter, **Benfleet**, **Essex**; **Barry** Ellis, **Guildford**, **Surrey**; **Roy** Machinski, **Maidenhead**, **Berks.**; **Glenn** L. Foreman, **Wollaton**, **Nottingham**; **Derek** Smith, **Pennywell**, **Sunderland**; **David** Juggins, **Radford**, **Nottingham**; **Graham** Moore, **Knottingley**, **Yorks.**; **Gwenneth** Brautigam, **St. Albans**, **Herts.**; **Michael** Bradle, **St. Albans**, **Herts.**; **Mike** Box, **Kings Norton**, **Birmingham**; **Andrew** Cork, **Sidcup**, **Kent**; **Neil** Pattinson, **Banstead**, **Surrey**; **David** John Balcombe, **Braintree**, **Essex**; **Rab** Watson, **Edinburgh**; **R. Ne-** **man**, **West Norwood**, **S.E. 27**; **J. W.** **Gregory**, **St. Albans**, **Herts.**; **Patrick** Gallacher, **East Kilbride**, **Glasgow**; **A.** **Sharland**, **West Heath**, **Birmingham**.

● Winners of the contest — plus the special Rainbow "night out" winner — will receive their tickets by post.

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Cooper, **Marc Bolan**, **Jack** **Bruce**, **Keith Moon**, **Ronnie** **Wood**, **Howard Kaylan**, **Mark** **Vohman**, **Billy Fury**, **Graham** **Bond** and **Madelaine Bell** ...

And from our intrepid wedding staff — at Mayfair splicing of **Roxy** and **Crimson** manager

Mark Fenwick and **Margie**, guests included **Keith Emerson**, **Greg Lake**, **Mickey Finn**, **Robert Fripp**, **Bill Bruford** and **John Wetton**, plus **Steve Marriott**, **Dec Anthony**, **Ian Wallace** and **Boz**. Not to mention **Emma The Bender**.

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"I first started taking pep pills so I could stop up for the rock programmes on BBC-2"